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SUBJECT: Source 8559 (U)

DATE: 13 & 14 June 1967.

REFERENCE: CR-75-67 ANG-OCT 1

REPORT NUMBER: CR-106-67-ANG-OCT 1

CONTACT NUMBER: 3

PROJECT: 110229/ IA (AO CH)

1. (C) CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE MEETING:

a. Present at two meetings, 13th & 14th June 67, were Subject, His wife, and AH D.A. Lessman (CN LETTER)

b. Purpose: To maintain contact, continued assessment, and possible approach for recruitment.

c. The first meeting, 13th June 67, took place at Subject's home from 1830 to 2000 hours, after which it was transferred to the Tunhuang Restaurant, Hamburg from 2015 to 2215

d. No attempt at surveillance was noted before, during, or after the meetings.

e. English and Chinese Mandarin languages were used.

f. The following AA and telephone number was provided to Subject as AH's home address:
bei Zakowski
6 Frankfurt/ Main
Grueneburgweg 139
Ph: 551532

g. The first meeting was concluded upon arrival at Subject's residence at approximately 2215 hours. During the course of the dinner at the Tunhuang Restaurant, AH was invited to attend lunch at Subject's home at 1200 hours the following day.

h. The second meeting took place at Subject's home on 14 June 67 and lasted from 1200 to approximately 1620 hours. Prior to departure, the AH arranged to contact Subject telephonically on 20 June 67, so as to complete arrangements for another meeting on 21 June 67.

2. (C) OPERATIONAL MATTERS:

a. At the first meeting on 13 June 67, the AH was warmly greeted and thanked for a bottle of Bourbon Whiskey presented to Subject, after which, Subject and AH engaged in social conversation until the arrival of Subject's wife at approximately 1850 hours. Following introductions to His wife, the conversation settled into a recounting of Subject's travels to Czechoslovakia, with Subject holding the floor, His wife adding an occasional comment, and the AH acting as audience. Prior to her arrival, Subject revealed that His wife spends each Tuesday working as a Physical Therapy assistant in a large orthopedic hospital, and that whereas he does not fully approve of her working, her earnings do help to supplement his own income.

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b. Subject related an interesting experience that occurred during his visit to Czechoslovakia, wherein he approached a man on the streets of Prague to ask directions to a specific cemetery, and in addition to receiving the requested directions, he also received an invitation from the individual to accompany Subject and his wife to insure they reached their destination without undue difficulty. Subject states that he declined the offer, and that during a brief conversation that followed his expression of thanks for the proffered courtesy, the man voiced his respect for the German people, and indicated a preference for Germans vis a vis the Russians. Upon being humorously cautioned by Subject regarding his outspokenness, the individual averred that he had no fear of the Russians, or the current regime in Czechoslovakia, and that he entertains and often expresses this opinion in his position as Chief of the Czechoslovakian Atomic Energy Bureau. Subject states that he did not attempt to question the individual in this respect, but that his dress, mannerisms and erudite speech could well qualify him as an individual occupying such a position.

c. Subject informed the AH that since his return from Czechoslovakia, he has had an opportunity to meet with a reporter from "Der Stern", the West German illustrated news magazine, who travelled Mainland China under the guise of an ordinary tourist in a tourist group. Subject states that while in China, the reporter obtained extensive photographic coverage of the DA DZ PAU (Lit. Trans: Large Character Reports. Commonly referred to as Wall Posters) currently appearing throughout Mainland China. Subject states that a perusal of these pictures, and translation of the DA DZ PAU, indicates that they are not official notices, and that they appear to be nothing more than individual, or small group or faction expressions of sentiments or loyalties in the present Cultural Revolution of China. Subject further stated that whereas he found the DA DZ PAU interesting from the viewpoint of an insight to Chinese mentality, he did not feel that they contained any significant information, nor were they of any value to him in his writings of China.

d. At the second meeting at Subject's home on 14 June 67, discussions of Subject's writings for the Ostasiatischer Verein revealed that Subject has been on a salary basis for the past eight years, and that his work primarily involves screening publications and various economic reports emanating from Western Embassies located in Far Eastern countries, and of translating subject reports and adding his own expertise for inclusion in the German publications. Subject stated that this is a very time consuming and tedious occupation, and that recent disagreements with a senior official who has attempted to rewrite his material and articles, has caused him to consider giving up the position and to devote full time to his books and other projects. Following lunch, and the return of his wife to the kitchen, the AH again steered the conversation back into a discussion of Subject's current occupation, and indicated that Subject may be in a position to provide assistance to the AH, and at the same time gain material benefits to himself. After ascertaining that Subject was interested, the AH continued the approach by advising Subject that whereas experience factors have demonstrated that Germans returning from China are sometimes reluctant to discuss their trips with Americans, they are generally more at ease and willing to relate their travel experiences and observations to another German, especially if the interviewer can establish himself as a representative of one of the Asian

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study organizations who would ostensibly be seeking information to be utilized by that organization in their publications. Subject stated that he could readily appreciate this fact, and in response to a direct query from the AH, opined that he personally could foresee no difficulty in convincing other Germans to discuss all facets of travel to China with him. At this time, Subject was further queried regarding the possibility of hiring a qualified person, knowledgeable of China, to assist him in meeting and interviewing China travellers. Subject stated that this can probably be accomplished, and that he knows of an individual (unnamed) who often assists him in his work, who although never having been to China proper, has travelled extensively and spent considerable time in other areas of the Far East, and who would be well qualified and probably amenable to performing this type of work. In this respect, Subject stated that he knows of several qualified personnel who may be willing to become involved in this type of activity, but questioned the requirement for another man, and indicated that he personally could travel and conduct all interviews as required. The AH countered this opinion by informing Subject that whereas initially he may be able to handle the job by himself, it was believed that the volume of later requirements would preclude his being able to handle them on a one man basis. At this point, in that it was apparent that Subject was becoming definitely interested in the proposed operation, the AH advised that nothing definite could be established at that time, but Subject's opinion was solicited and he was queried direct regarding his availability and willingness to enter into some type of a working agreement. Subject stated that there is no question regarding his ability to carry out the task as outlined by the AH; however, since this proposition came as somewhat of a surprise, he requested a little more time to consider it in depth, and to think of how he could best utilize his present position to justify and explain the extra activities that would be required of him. He also stated that since he was scheduled to attend a meeting on Friday, 16 June, that was to be also attended by the individual he feels may be able to act as his assistant, it may be a good idea to first sound out this individual before making further plans in this direction. In this respect the AH advised Subject that he should not reveal AH's identity, or American Agency involvement, with Subject in any way, and that it is not anticipated that the AH will have any contact with Legmen hired by Subject, at least during the outset of the operation. Subject readily agreed to this request, and indicated his understanding of the reasons thereof.

e. The arrival of a family house guest precluded any further discussions, and after extending thanks for the lunch and other courtesies extended to him, the AH departed Subject's apartment, and was escorted to the entrance of the apartment complex by Subject; from where he departed at approximately 1620 hours. Prior to departure, it was agreed that AH will contact Subject telephonically on 20 June 67, at which time final arrangements will be completed for a meeting on 21 June 1967 for further discussions of the above.

3. (U) LEADS: None

4. (C) ^{FINANCES} During the two meetings described herein, a total of \$13.76 was expended for meals and for commercial transportation for Subject, his wife and AH.

5. (U) PRODUCTION: None

6. (U) AGENCY CHECKS: Completed

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7. (C) PERSONALIA: Subject's concern and interest in humanitarian causes was evinced in his solicitation of the AH's advice regarding the best possible means for distributing Maronic financial assistance so as to insure it being disbursed to Arab as well as Israeli victims of the recent Mid-East conflict.

8. (C) COMMENTS: Subject's description of the unnamed proposed assistant as being well qualified and knowledgeable regarding Far Eastern countries and affairs, indicates the possibility of his utilization as a backstop or replacement for Subject if events should so dictate

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SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. (U) Recommend approval

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1. (U) Approved.

2. (C) Ref Pa- 1f of CP. Individual residing at address given Source has been alerted to the fact that mail may be forthcoming from Source. Telephone is physically located at AG Section of OCT- #1.

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